

Amendatory Section:

WAC 230-40-860 Table inventories and procedures for opening tables for house-banked card games. Procedures shall be established to ensure proper accountability of gaming chips and coins stored at gaming tables and for beginning play at such tables. The following restrictions and procedures apply:

Removing and adding table inventory.

(1) Whenever a gaming table is opened for gaming, operations shall commence with an amount of gaming chips and coins to be known as the "table inventory" and the licensee shall not cause or permit gaming chips or coins to be added to or removed from such table inventory during the gaming day except:

- (a) In exchange for cash from patrons;
- (b) In payment of winning wagers and collection of losing wagers made at such gaming table;
- (c) In exchange for gaming chips received from a patron having an equal aggregate face value; and
- (d) In conformity with procedures set forth in WAC 230-40-865 and 230-40-870.

Storing containers and inventory slips.

(2) Each table inventory and the table inventory slip prepared in conformity with the procedures set forth in WAC 230-40-875 shall be stored during nongaming hours in a separate locked, clear container which shall be clearly marked on the outside with the game and the gaming table number to which it corresponds. The information on the table inventory slip shall be visible from the outside of the container. All containers shall be stored in the cashier's cage during nongaming hours: Provided, That containers may be secured at the gaming table if under ~~((taped))~~ recorded surveillance.

Keys to locked containers.

(3) The keys to table inventory containers shall be maintained and controlled by the gaming operation department in a secure place and shall at no time be made accessible to any cashier's cage personnel or to any person responsible for transporting such table inventories to or from the gaming tables.

Opening tables for play.

(4) Licensees shall abide by the following procedures when opening gaming tables for play:

- (a) The locked container securing the table inventory and the table inventory slip shall be unlocked by the gaming operation supervisor assigned to such table;
- (b) A dealer assigned to the gaming table shall prove the contents of the container in the presence of the gaming operation supervisor assigned to such table and shall compare the count to the "opener," as defined in WAC 230-40-875, removed from the container. The procedures used to prove the chip and coin inventory shall be set forth in the licensee's internal controls;
- (c) Signatures attesting to the accuracy of the information on the opener shall be placed on such

"opener" by the dealer assigned to the table and the gaming operation supervisor that observed the dealer count the contents of the container;

(d) Any discrepancy between the amount of gaming chips and coins counted and the amount of the gaming chips and coins recorded on the "opener," shall be immediately reported to the gaming operation manager, assistant gaming operation manager, or gaming operation shift manager in charge at such time. The manager in charge shall complete the notification of error slip, which will be verified by security and transported to accounting or the cashier's cage. Accounting will maintain a copy in the log containing the notification of error slips. The licensee shall notify commission staff within twenty-four hours of errors of two hundred dollars or more or if there is a pattern relating to regular shortages;

(e) After the count of the contents of the container and the signing of the "opener," such slip shall be immediately deposited in the drop box attached to the gaming table by the dealer.